

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 9 and 22-64 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 4 and 9 are amended and claims 32-64 are added. The above amendments and added claims introduce no new matter. Support for the amendments and the added claims will be described below. A Request for Continued Examination is attached. Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

A Notice of Allowance was mailed on February 8, 2008. The Notice of Allowance stated that all of pending claims 1-4, 9 and 22-31 are allowed.

Claims 1, 3 and 4 are amended to clarify the subject matter recited in those claims. Added claim 32 is supported by at least Fig. 1. Added claims 33-35 are supported by at least Fig. 1, and Applicant's disclosure at least at page 13, lines 3-5 and page 14, lines 5 and 6. Added claim 36 is supported by Applicant's disclosure at least at page 12, line 15 - page 13, line 11. Added claims 37 and 38 are supported by Fig. 2. Added claims 39 and 40 are supported by Applicant's disclosure at least at page 15, lines 9-14. Added claim 41 is supported by Fig. 5, and Applicant's disclosure at least at page 20, lines 21-23. Claims 41-43 are supported by at least claim 9, as originally filed, and Figs. 1 and 2. Added claim 44 is supported at least by allowed claim 1 and Fig. 2. For example, the boundary between the flange surface and the lens part is shown as "P" in Fig. 2. The term pick-up lens is supported by Applicant's disclosure at least at page 26, line 4. Added claims 45-54 are supported to the same extent as added claims 32-41. Added claim 55 is supported by Applicant's disclosure at least on page 17, lines 2-5. Added claim 58 is supported to the same extent as allowed claim 1 and added claim 32. Finally, added claim 64 is supported by Figs. 7 and 8B. This claim includes a feature in which a marking has a convex shape and a highest point of the marking is lower than the surrounding flange surface located apart from the marking. The first

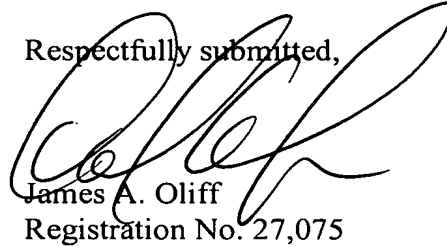
molding die corresponds to inset 51 and member 53 which are shown in Fig. 7. The second molding die corresponds to insert 52 and member 54 which is also shown in Fig. 7. The nested portion corresponds to inset 51. Specific claim terms find additional support at least in Applicant's disclosure at page 22, lines 21 and 22.

The amendments to claims 1, 3, 4 and 9 do not affect the allowability of these claims. Added claims 32-41 depend directly or indirectly from allowed claims 1 and 2. As such, these claims are allowable at least to the extent of allowed claims 1 and 2. Claims 42 and 43 depend directly or indirectly from allowed claim 22. These claims are, therefore, allowable at least to the extent of allowed claim 22. Added independent claims 44, 58 and 64 recite allowable features similar to those recited in the other allowed independent claims. As such, these added independent claims, and the claims depending therefrom, are also allowable to the extent that the other claims are allowed.

In view of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-4, 9 and 32-64, in addition to the unamended allowed claims 22-31, are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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Request for Continued Examination

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